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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIMURA, Koichi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1711

Serial No.: **09/926,824**

Examiner: **Thao T. Tran**

Filed: **December 26, 2001**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8024**

For: **RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR HOSE AND HOSE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 19, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 19, 2003**, extended to **August 19, 2003**, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: